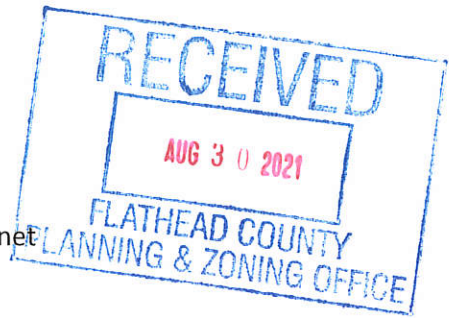


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RE: proposed zoning change of Oberlitner property located @ 222 Wintercrest Dr., Kalispell

1st hearing to be held Sept. 8 @ 6pm

2nd hearing, Sept. 14 @ 9:30am

Hello to the Flathead County Commissioners & the Planning Board.

I am sending this letter in opposition to the proposed zone change or as a request for some road concessions if the zoning were to be changed.

Our residence is located at the corner of Wintercrest Rd. and Whitefish Stage Rd.. The used access to our home is off of Whitefish Stage. As far as my property is concerned all of the traffic that goes up and down Wintercrest passes my house. Although it is an easement thru my property and my neighbors properties we still have to pay county taxes on the part of the property that the road passes through. There are several problems with this road. The traffic from personal and commercial vehicles poses the biggest of the problems and adding another homesite is just going to exacerbate the problems. Though dust is a big problem the main concern we have, and I believe my close neighbors agree, is the number of vehicles passing on this road daily. Many vehicles travel this road at an unsafe speed for this area. Some traveling up to 30 and 40 miles per hour. This is not an exaggeration. There is total disregard for the safety of our young children, our roaming pets and our properties in general although we have a 10 mi hour sign, a "children present" sign and a bus pickup location for the children on my section of the road. Many people have tried to reduce their speed when approached and asked to slow down, but many do not and have shown their disagreement with the matter by using obscenities verbal and physical. I would strongly suggest that if this property would be rezoned that it would come with the stipulation that the existing petitioner bare the expense for the purchase & installation of a minimum of 3 to 4 speed bumps, (stratigically placed where the majority of traffic passes through), to help control the overuse of this road that was never supposed to have as many homes on it as it does now and more homes are slowly being slipped in. There are now 27 homes on a road that began with up to 7 homes, 12 of the 27 were built in approximately the last 5 or 10 years. After a drive through the neighborhood I saw from 2 to 9 cars at each home. Although I am not against their right to ask for a split, a line needs to be drawn somewhere when it comes to use of this road. It seems to be spider webbing out from the original main road of Wintercrest Dr.. There are now 3 additional roads attached to the original and it looks like there is possibly no end in sight for additional houses. It is my belief that the petitioner has already split their property once and it was built on, which created additional traffic. And, now another land owner down the road is building another home to be used as vacation rental. In addition to this problem is the problem of dust. We (as in myself and

4 other neighbors in succession to my property) paid for our section of road to be graded so that it could be oiled and help abate the dust. The oil did it's job for a short period of time but many people thought the dust control all the more reason to go faster since there was less dust. I seriously think that we should not have to bare the costs, unpleasantness and, most importantly, the safety issues of increasing traffic passing through our properties. We don't speed up and down the roads by the other homes on our road.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

P.S. - please see photos I've included

Sincerely,

Kelly & Steve Smith

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Mary Fisher

From: ksorgsmith <ksorgsmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 8:22 AM
To: Planning.Zoning
Subject: Oberliener proposed zoning change
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These photos go along with the letter I just emailed from my computer. Thank u. Kelly Sorg-smith.

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